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REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97, this statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action.

It is believed that the relevance of the cited references is apparent upon a reading of the specification of the above-referenced patent application; if further information is desired by the Examiner, advice of same is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to consider references disclosed and referenced herein during the course of the examination of this application. It is requested that each of the documents shown on the attached form PTO-1449, if any, be made of record in this application.

No representation is made hereby that these documents provide all of the art and the Examiner is presumed to conduct an independent search of the art. However, these documents do form all of the relevant art presently known to Applicants. Should Applicants become aware of additional relevant art during the prosecution of this application, Applicants will bring such art to the attention of the Examiner by means of a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

If any additional fees, other than those referenced above, are due with regard to this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1060.

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Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited.

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